

P.T. BIBLE SURVEY

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- ◎ Summary in 10 words or less:
 - Edom will suffer for participating in Jerusalem’s destruction.

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◎ Cast of Characters:

- **God:** declares that no nation should think itself above His power
- **Obadiah:** a prophet; speaks out against those who rejoiced in Judah's fall
- **Teman:** a tribe of Edom; descended from Esau

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- ◎ Where is the work of Christ?
 - Obadiah prophesied that Edom would be judged and destroyed for its pride against God and its treachery against God's people. Herod the Great, who ruled Judea during the time of Jesus' birth, had Edomite ancestry. The old treachery of Edom against Israel is seen in Herod's attempt to kill Jesus when He was less than two years old.

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Verse to Remember

- ◎ “For the day of the Lord draws near on all the nations. As you have done, it will be done to you. Your dealings will return on your own head.”
(Obadiah 1:15)

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◉ Interesting Facts:

- Consisting of only twenty-one verses, Obadiah is the shortest book in the Old Testament.
- Thirteen men named Obadiah are mentioned in the Old Testament, but none of these can be identified with any certainty as the author of this book.
- Edom means “red” because of the color of the stew Esau traded his birthright for.

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- What is my take away?
 - Edom held a grudge against Israel that goes all the way back to the book of Genesis and extends forward to the birth of Christ. It never pays to hold a grudge, especially against God's children.

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◎ Home Study

- Read Jonah this week.
- Review your One-Sentence Summaries.
- Recite your memory verses.